

**Maryland State Board of Victim Services
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
100 Community Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room, Side B
Crownsville, MD 21032
Friday, October 5, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Steve Kelly, Esq., Chair
Barbara Bond, Vice-Chair
Wes Adams, Esq.
Anne Bean
Jessica Dickerson
Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Ciara Huff for Lisa Smith, Esq.
Molly Knipe
Adam Lippe, Esq.
Joe Riley, Esq.
Jill Ritter
Alonzo Robertson, Esq. (phone)
Lisa Spicknall-Horner
Jeanne Yeager (phone)

Guests:

Tony Korol-Evans, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Staff:

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Laurie Culkin, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Dale Enzor, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Kelly Gorman, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Don Hogan, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. GOCCP Updates

Mr. Fueston informed Board members that the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Children's Justice Act (CJAC) grant letters of intent were sent to grant awardees. Mr. Fueston informed members that the grants team at the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (the Office) will work to streamline the Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs) and will look into combining grants to make the grant application process more efficient and user friendly. The Office is making this a priority to prevent any grant delays in the future.

Mr. Fueston updated Board members that House Bill 247 Ch. 422 (2018), Victim Services Unit-Victims' Compensation, took effect July 1, 2018. House Bill 247 created a Victim Services unit within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. The Office is currently working to hire an Assistant Director for the Victim Services Unit. The Office's goal for this unit is to build and expand victim service response. House Bill 247 also transferred the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) and the Sexual Assault Reimbursement Unit (SARU) to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Mr. Fueston also discussed the Office's emphasis on human trafficking victims. Governor Hogan recently announced a \$5 million grant toward human trafficking victims. The Office has hired a Director of Anti-Human Trafficking Policy, Laurie Culkin, to help move forward these efforts initiated by Governor Hogan and the Office. Mr. Fueston also informed Board members that the Office has awarded the University of Maryland School of Public Policy a \$500,000 grant to support the development of a new Crime Research and Innovation Center. This Center will serve to identify outcome-based solutions aimed at combating violent crime and examine criminal justice issues relating to human trafficking, firearms trafficking, drug trafficking, and gangs. The Center will also work to engage and support victims of crime. The ultimate goal is to reduce violent crime and inform statewide policy through a multi-disciplinary approach.

Board members discussed the Thorn Model founded by Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore. Thorn works to stop the spread of child sexual abuse material and stand up to child traffickers. Thorn focuses on three action items: accelerate victim identification, deter abusers, and disrupt platforms. Board members discussed using the Thorn model to influence some of the work being done in the state of Maryland to combat human trafficking and will continue to explore this.

III. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the July 2018 Board meeting minutes, Governor's Family Violence Council updates, the Children's Justice Act Committee updates, and the updated Annual Operating Plan (AOP). Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Lippe seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.

IV. Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee Discussion

For the technology goal of the Board's strategic plan, Ms. Knipe informed members about the Collective Impact Initiative. The goal of this initiative is to have solutions for data collection and better identify how programs are using technology to move things forward.

The training goal team decided to set up a conference call with the Roper Victim Assistance Academy staff to discuss a potential collaboration on training ideas. Ms. Allyn will coordinate this call.

The goal team leads will check in frequently with their teams to ensure the strategic plan is moving forward.

V. Victim's Access to DNA Information

Mr. Robertson informed members that the [DNA Notification Form](#) is located on the Office's website. The DNA Notification Form reflects the right for victims to receive information about

the use of DNA evidence. Members further discussed the barriers faced with actually using the form. One concern is that it is unclear who is supposed to address the form and where to send it once completed. Victims are not being notified and members brainstormed ways to make the form more visible to victims and law enforcement agencies. Mr. Fueston suggested a meeting between Ms. Wheeler, Mr. Hogan, and Carl Kotowski, Chief of Law Enforcement Programs with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, to further discuss the DNA Notification Form and how to ensure victims and law enforcement agencies are utilizing it.

VI. MSBVS Potential Workgroup Discussion

Ms. Allyn presented four potential workgroup topics to Board members based on previous meeting discussions: VINE and Post-Conviction Cases, a Statewide Mass Violence Protocol, Opioid Overdose Victims, and Ride Sharing for Victims. Ms. Allyn informed members that the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is hosting a webinar, *Helping Victims of Mass Violence and Terrorism: Planning, Response, Recovery, and Resources*, and encouraged members to participate. Ms. Allyn will send the webinar information to members after the meeting. Members discussed that other victim groups may have begun a mass violence plan for Maryland and those advocates should be included in the discussion so the Board can consider what has been done and how the Board can build upon it. Board members decided to include discussions of opioid overdose victims in a workshop session for the 2018 Crime Victims' Rights Conference. Members also discussed having representatives from the Baltimore Child Abuse Center (BCAC) to present at the next Board meeting on their ride sharing for victim's program with Lyft. At this time, the Board decided to focus their efforts on VINE and Post-Conviction Cases and a Statewide Mass Violence Protocol.

VII. 2019 Crime Victims' Rights Events

Ms. Wheeler informed members that the tentative date for the 2019 Crime Victims' Rights Conference is Thursday, April 11th. Members continued to discuss workshop topics for the conference. The Board also discussed suggestions for a keynote speaker, focusing on someone who has been a victim of crime and can speak about the impact it had on their life.

VIII. Old/New Business

Mr. Hogan updated members on draft legislation for harassment by electronic devices. Members provided informative feedback that Mr. Hogan will incorporate into the bill.

Mr. Lippe informed members of an upcoming training opportunity, the Animal Abuse Leadership Summit, which will be held in Phoenix, Maryland on November 2, 2018. Mr. Lippe will send a flyer to Ms. Allyn to distribute to Board members.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Bond made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Dickerson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:57 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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